

## ASK A PRIEST

By Fr. Christopher Zuger

### Can a soldier be holy?

Certainly! Holiness is open to all the baptized. There are a large number of soldiers on the Christian calendar: SS. Cornelius the Centurion, Longinus the Centurion, George, Sebastian, the Forty Martyrs of Sebaste, Demetrius, Victor Maurus, Andrew the General, Theodore the Recruit, Maurice and the Martyrs of the Theban Legion, Vartan of Armenia, John the Warrior, and Joan of Arc. Ignatius of Loyola and Francis of Assisi were all soldiers before undertaking their missionary work, and incorporated military discipline into their Orders. Some of the soldiers were martyrs, who served honorably in the Roman army but refused to sacrifice to the pagan gods or the emperor. Most militaries today have chaplain corps, so as to guide soldiers in making right choices and help them to grow in faith. Some Catholic chaplains gave everything so as to provide sacraments to our soldiers, precisely to help them die in holiness: Fathers Larry Lynch (Okinawa) and Vincent Capodanno (Vietnam) were shot while giving Last Rites; Aloysius Schmitt died at Pearl Harbor after helping sailors escape from the sinking USS Oklahoma; Emil Kapaun served his fellow POWs in North Korea; John Washington died aboard the USS Dorchester with three other chaplains after giving up his life jacket to save a soldier; Timothy Vakoc died of injuries after offering Mass in Iraq. The career of a soldier does not preclude him/ her from growing in faith. If anything, a good Christian soldier will necessarily be a devout one!

	Up Coming Events Mark your Calendar
Sun Nov 6	<b>Daylight Savings Ends</b> ☀️
Mon Nov 7 Tue Nov 8	<b>Archangel Michael &amp; All Angels</b> <b>Solemn Holy Day</b> 7:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy 9:30 am Divine Liturgy
Mon Nov 14	<b>Beginning of the St Philip's Fast</b>
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Wed Nov 23 Thu Nov 24	<b>Thanksgiving Day Civil Holiday</b> 7:00 pm Liturgy of Thanksgiving 9:30 am Liturgy of Thanksgiving
Sun Dec 4	<b>Knights of Columbus Corporate Communion</b> 10am Liturgy
Mon Dec 5 Tue Dec 6	<b>St Nicholas of Myra Solemn Holy Day</b> 7:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy 9:30 am Divine Liturgy
Wed Dec 7 Thu Dec 8	<b>Maternity of the Holy Anna</b> <b>Solemn Holy Day</b> 7:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy 9:30 pm Divine Liturgy

## Saint Nicholas of Myra

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20th Sunday after Pentecost

TONE 3

October 23, 2022

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FATHER JAMES** will be taking the Sunday Liturgy this morning.

**FROM FR STEPHEN** After 10 days of Covid, I have tested negative from and have resumed working in the parish office and daily liturgies. Mom was not effected by Covid. Thank you to Deacon Greg and Deacon Jonathan for helping with the Special Typica Service—Holy Communion Service without a Priest for Annunciation and for St Nicholas, Fontana. Thank you for your prayers and support.

**JOIN OUR TEAM** please let Father Stephen know what area of the parish you are able to help. We need to provide a list of parishioners and their responsibilities. [abcc72069@gmail.com](mailto:abcc72069@gmail.com) or [fontanastnicholas@gmail.com](mailto:fontanastnicholas@gmail.com)

**EPARCHIAL PRIESTS HEALTH INSURANCE COLLECTION:** this collection is taken in the Eparchy to assist in the cost of funding health insurance for the priests in the Eparchy of Phoenix. Thank you for your donations and care for our priests.

**BISHOP'S EMERGENCY DISASTER FUND COLLECTION for the recent hurricane** supported by the United States Council of Catholic Bishops. If you would like to contribute to the Fund, write your checks out to "Annunciation Church" be sure to show in the memo line Bishop's Emergency. The monies will be sent to the Chancery and forwarded to the USC-CB. Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

Glory to Jesus Christ

Glory Forever

**DIVINE LITURGIES AND INTENTIONS**

**PEOPLE'S BOOK FOR THE DIVINE LITURGY**

- <https://mci.archpitt.org/servicebooks/DivineLiturgies.pdf>

**- THIRD HOUR BOOK**

- [https://mci.archpitt.org/sheetmusic/general/Third\\_Hour.pdf](https://mci.archpitt.org/sheetmusic/general/Third_Hour.pdf)

**VESPER BOOK** - <https://mci.archpitt.org/servicebooks/Vespers.pdf>

**HEBREW SCRIPTURES FOR SUNDAY**

Wisdom 3:1-9 & Ezekiel 18: 20-32

**23 20 SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & TONE 3, P. 135**

9:00 am Confession available behind the Altar

9:40 am The Third Hour

10:00 am Divine Liturgy for our parish family and friends (Fr James Lane the Celebrant for this Liturgy)

**24 Monday - 27 Thursday**

**NO DAILY LITURGY**

*Fr Lane is on vacation*

**28 Friday Woman Martyr Paraskevia, p. 39**

9:30 am Liturgy +M/M J. K. MacKenzie by Kiren MacKenzie

**29 SATURDAY Venerable Woman Anastasia, p. 393**

9:30 am Liturgy +M/M J. K. MacKenzie by Kiren MacKenzie

**HEBREW SCRIPTURES FOR SUNDAY**

1 Samuel 16:14-23 & Zachariah 12:10; 13: 1-2 or Tobit 6:1-7 13; 8:1-3

**30 21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, TONE 4, p. 141**

9:00 am Confession available behind the Altar

9:40 am The Third Hour

10:00 am Divine Liturgy for our parish family and friends

**SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS:** We join with the Saints in heaven to pray for those in need. Request Prayers: [abc-c72069@gmail.com](mailto:abc-c72069@gmail.com)

**Special Intentions:** The people suffering from the Hurricane, Pat Mathis, Enedina Lopez, Lora Carson Lopez, Sophia Gaydus, Victor & Patricia Olmos Family, John Phillips, Sylvia Flambures, Martha Yniquez, Gloria Brissette, Paul Basay, Margaret Geluso, Edward Lopez, Lupe Nevaré, Beatriz Perez, for RAIN/ SNOW, for the victims of hurricane, and for the people of Ukraine.

**Wednesday Oct 26 The Feast of Saint Demetrius**

The church calendar is filled with warrior saints, soldiers who served in the military faithfully but stood up for their Christian faith when necessary. Demetrius was an officer in the Roman army, and belonged to one of Rome's ancient patrician families with the right to speak in the Senate. He was killed in the last big persecution of Christians under the emperor Diocletian. This persecution was designed to exterminate Christianity completely. A successful orator, his speeches led many to convert to Christianity. He was killed by being pierced with spears, around 306 AD, at the famous town of Sirmium, in modern Serbia, which had a massive military base. His relics were moved south into modern Greece, to the city of Thessalonica. The relics of St Demetrius have poured out liquid myrrh for over 1,200 years. The liquid has to be collected regularly or else the trough at the base of the shrine would overflow. It is used for anointing the sick, and there have been thousands of miraculous cures.

The icons usually show Demetrius as either a soldier in Roman military uniform, or riding a horse and defeating an armed man. This figure is either the Antichrist or a particularly vicious pagan gladiator named Lyaos, who had been defeated by Saint Nestor after young and poorly armed Nestor invoked "the God of Demetrius."

His protection is invoked against evil spirits, and he is the patron saint of Thessalonica, and of course he is a co-patron of soldiers (along with SS. George and Sebastian). On this day, the herds come down from the meadows of the Carpathian Mountains under his protection, having gone up on St. George's Day in April.

**OUR TITHING AND GIFTS TO THE LORD'S HOLY TEMPLE**

**Our Stewardship**

October 16 Attendance: 15 souls Tithes: \$98.00, Candles: \$11.00, Lion's Club: \$1,000.00

We depend on you to support our parish. We also need your time and talents to grow as disciples of the Lord and to form a Parish Family for you and your family. Thank you for your support and care for our parish.